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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In conjunction with the concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination, this Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2006. No new matter has been added.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.